

BUTTE FALLS NEWS

Shirley Hatcher reports a lot of the flu around Butte Falls with as many as eight men off with the bug. With the weather improving and the need for logs increasing daily this proves a problem at times.

Al Hartlerode has left the employ of the company and will be associated with the Hauptert Tractor Company. He bought a house in Sam's Valley and the new job will be much closer to the new homesite.

Our sympathy goes out to the George Burg family whose son lost his life in a woods accident in Canada.

TRIP TO HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Morrill made a trip to Hawaii on February 16th returning March 2nd. During their visit to Honolulu they made an extended tour of the islands through the courtesy of their friend Commander Collins of the U.S. Navy.

When the recent tidal wave warning went out, the Morrills were concerned about the safety of those on the islands but found out the wave was only about three feet when it reached Hawaii.

Most memorable was the weather . . . 84 to 87 degrees and they vowed that on the next trip they would take along much lighter clothing.

YOUR HAPPINESS

Happiness for most people consists of a combination of elements. Security and well-being is uppermost in the minds of most, yet a sense of accomplishment and the knowledge that he is contributing to his community as a responsible citizen is important to most men.

Every man must have the assistance of others to realize happiness in his life. The businessman depends on others for his success . . . the executive relies on the cooperation of others to plan progress . . . and employees look to a strong and successful company for the security they seek.

In turn this company needs the loyalty and cooperation of the employees to be able to provide the strength and continued security for these same employees.

When it is all said and done, each man creates his own environment. His security, sense of accomplishment and community well-being are the direct result of the effort he has expended.

Let us all take inventory of our accomplishments, our contributions and our sense of security.

Who said it: "Minds are like parachutes.
They function only when they are open?"

Tom Gray (L) watches the panel stacker part of the panel sawing machine operated by Gene Snodgrass. Panels from the presses are cut to size in this machine before going to the sander.

LEAVES COMPANY TO OPERATE BUSINESS

W. J. "Wes" Fowler has left the company to operate his camera and photo finishing plant, Southern Oregon Color Processors with his two sons, Rod and Jack.

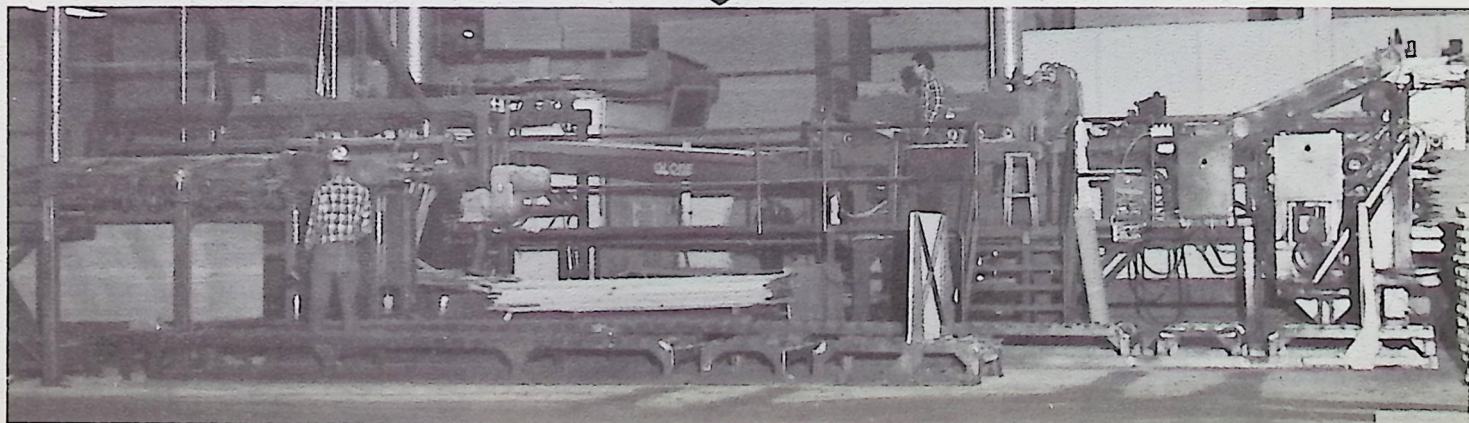
If you need a camera, film or developing and printing done go out near Phoenix on Hiway 99 and see Wes.

MORE ABOUT PLYWOOD PLANT

From the huge presses, the panels are sent to the panel saw which cuts each one to perfect size for length and width. This machine is operated by Gene Snodgrass but he needs several other men to assist in feeding the panels, striping and details involving movement of the panels.

The stripper is Tom Gray and jitney driver is Norman Peterson. William Moore and Sam Bailey are the warehouse floormen.

Panels going to the specialty saw are handled by Russell Harlacher and Robert Hurd who operate this machine. The Smithway sander is operated by William Muskovita and the sander-grader job is done by Lewis Parker and Lester Merriman spelling each other on this fast-moving machine.



TREE PLANTING

This story was started in last month's issue when we couldn't get pictures of the planting operation because of snow. The Editor made the trip to Butte Falls and shot the following pictures in late March for this issue.

With Red Thomas in Corvallis attending a meeting, Virgil Conley took over as foreman with Carl Bennett taking care of the stock pile and setting up trays for those men doing the planting.

The actual planting is being done by George Tranata (assisted by his dog), Glen Shepard, Nick Northup, Mike Cole, Harold Northup, Vaughn Steel, Emmett Foran and Norman Braunberger.

Each man can plant about an acre per day or approximately 500 trees per day. The seedlings are carried in a lightweight aluminum tray and the planter uses a long narrow spade-type tool to make the hole for the planting. After the seedling is in place, another dip of the spade pushes the earth around the tree roots and a tamp from the heel of the planter completes the job.



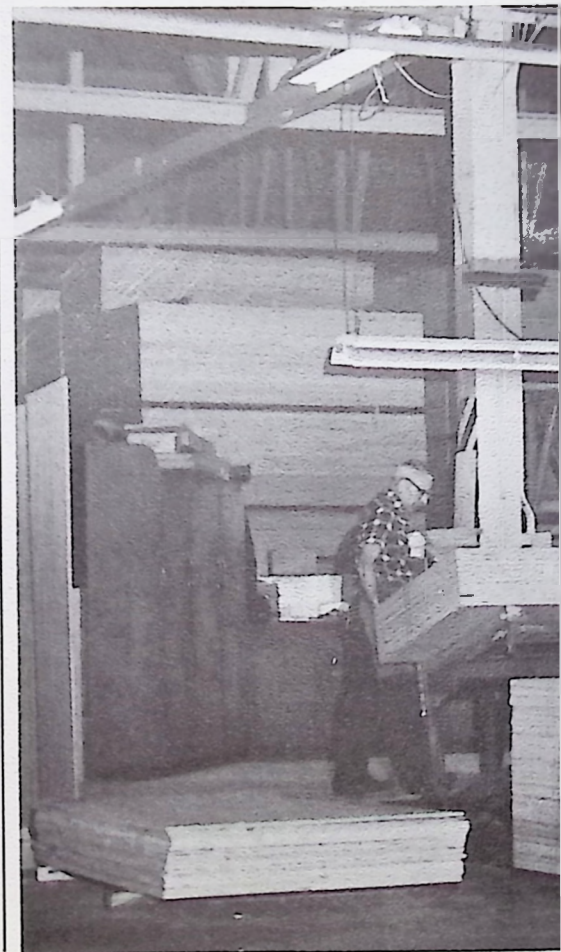
Virgil Conley uses a note book to indicate the size of the seedlings. The roots are almost

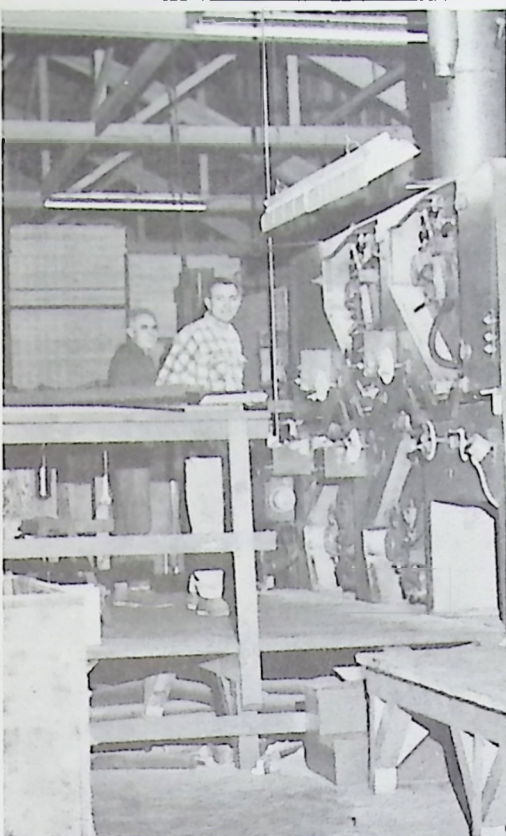
as long as the part of the tree left on top of the ground.



In only a few short years, this area will have hundreds of healthy growing trees. Cover for wildlife, water conservation and future timber

harvests will be provided by these seedlings being planted under the program of your company.

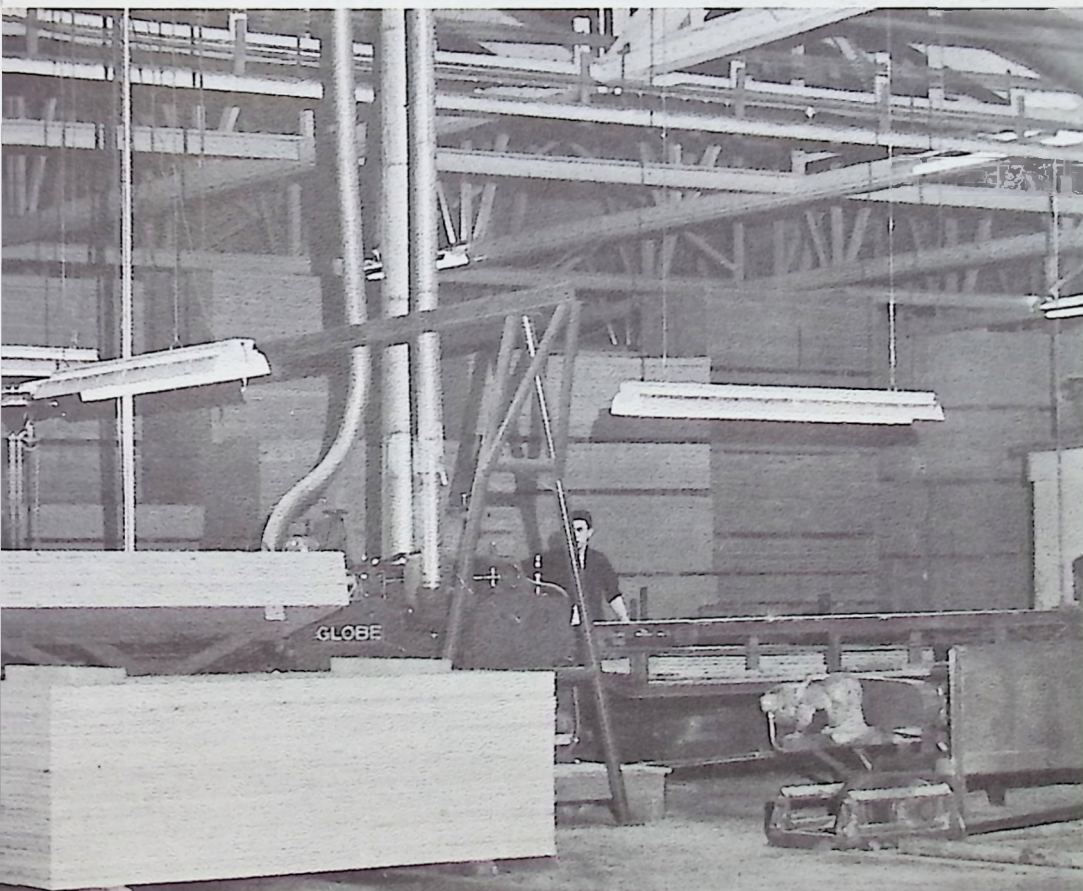




Lewis Parker (in dark shirt) and Bill Moskovita are shown by the controls of the Smithway sander. This modern machine increases the sanding capacity of the plant over the older type machines by a large margin.



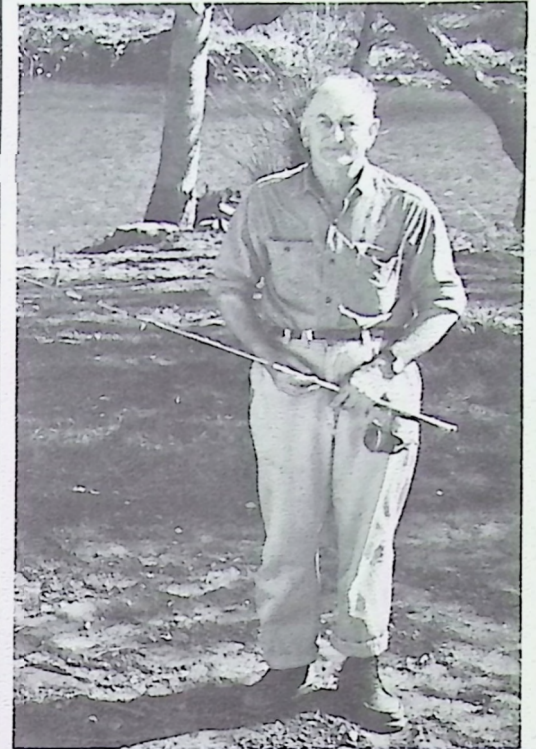
Les Merriman operates the sander grader panel turner. This enables the grader to see both sides of each panel and more accurately determine the grade.



Russell Harlacher (L) and Robert Hurd shown operating the specialty saw which puts

the trim cuts on plywood panels making them adaptable for various uses.

RETIREMENT



If any of you are worrying about George Watson since retirement . . . forget it! He has the most nearly perfect place to live in the world, just about 100 feet from the Applegate River and he showed your Editor the steelhead wallowing in the water waiting for the season to open.

Although George has spent all his adult life in the Rogue Valley, he didn't start working at Medco until 1940. His family moved here from Shasta County in California in 1908. George and his wife, Harriet live in a beautiful new expandable trailer home and have a travel trailer sitting nearby just waiting until Mrs. Watson can get free from her job so they may take an extended trip. . . . George is a "two-trailer" man.

Besides hunting and fishing, both Mr. and Mrs. Watson are rockhounds and have a large collection. George cuts and polishes the stones and then Mrs. Watson makes them into jewelry.

Having lived in the area so long George recalls when the old fairgrounds used to be located about where the Medco plants are now standing. He says the old horse track and the auto track was located near where the big log pond is now. The skeet traps were where the green chain and yard is now and even today you can find clay pigeon fragments in that area.

SICK & RECOVERING

Frank Douglas has returned to work after a long layoff following a severe operation on his knee. Seems to be doing fine but still isn't quite ready for the high hurdles at the Olympics.

Ralph Merton spent a week at San Francisco with doctors poking and examining him. They indicate more surgery will be necessary but the date has not been determined, in fact it isn't positive what they are looking for yet.

Wayne Troxell is in the Osteopathic Hospital at Central Point for surgery. The operation was performed on March 24th, and when the Editor called Mrs. Troxell, she said she hoped and expected to bring Wayne home on Wednesday, April 1st. We wish you a speedy recovery Wayne, but watch those stitches.

Frank Mitchell suffered a severely broken ankle on Easter Sunday while playing basketball with the kids. He had four breaks, two on each side of the ankle which may require surgery and metal pins to mend it. This is a sneaky way to get time off with the good weather and fishing season just around the corner.

Chester Keene, Sr. returned to the job on March 30th after losing a part of his left thumb in an accident March 13th.

Quintin Jordan has been suffering from an infection in his right hand. He has been off work for a week but we have no further report on him.

Harold Connors is back on the job after surgery to have a cataract removed from his left eye. He still has tape on that lens in his glasses but says it is doing fine. He says he is going back for similar operation on the other eye in the near future.

Bill Gates has been laid up with a bad back for some time and has been in Crater Osteopathic Hospital. Better start getting well soon Bill . . . fishing season will be opening soon.

Our smiling gal, Eleanor Lewis has had a seige of sickness and after spending a time in the local hospital has gone to Sacramento for treatment.

"I don't take gifts from perfect strangers, but then, nobody's perfect" — Zsa Zsa Gabor.

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MARKET NEWS

In spite of the beautiful weather we have been having . . . the East and the Midwest have had some severe storms. This is reflected in the lumber market and the action we had expected has not come as yet.

That part of the East Coast market which is using white fir has been fairly strong.

That "will-o-the-wisp" plywood market has been holding quite firm without bouncing up and down recently.

In Memory Laid to Rest

Melvin "Barney" Peiper

March 18, 1964

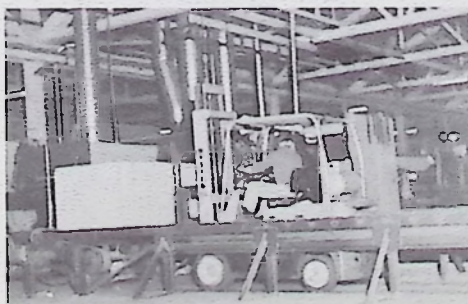
F. L. "Lee" Brown

March 24, 1964

NEW BABY

On last March 12th, John and Barbara Reill were blessed with a new little baby girl who has been named Diana Lee. She arrived weighing 7 lbs. and 14 ounces.

Little Diana Lee has three brothers and a sister. Her daddy had to go to the hospital just recently for treatment of a back injury.



Loading the sander with more panels is jitney driver Norman Peterson.

COOK RETURNS

"Pappy" Grubbs reports that his stomach is feeling much better since he went to Sacramento and brought his wife home. He said this batching business is no good.

Mrs. Grubbs had been in Sacramento caring for a little granddaughter who had suffered a broken arm and then complications. The little girl is doing fine and we expect to see "Pappy" showing a marked improvement now that his wife is home to do some cooking for him.

CREDIT UNION NEWS

You probably had heard or read some good things about the work and benefits of the Credit Union before you joined. You probably heard some of these things from members of a Credit Union who had first-hand knowledge of it's operation and benefits.

We hope those of you who are not members of the Credit Union will take it upon yourselves to ask one of our many members about our organization and what it can do for you.

The Credit Union is owned by it's members and it exists for the purpose of serving it's members. As we grow and become stronger, we are able to offer even better service to the members.

Office hours for the Credit Union in the Safety Bldg., near the end of the sawmill green chain, are from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. each Monday and Thursday evening and also from 12 noon to 1 p.m. each working day.

The Credit Committee meets each Monday evening at 5 p.m.

Who said it: "The worst place to rest is on your laurels."